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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **POW/MIA “Freedom Tree” Relocated to Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

- WHAT:** First dedicated in 1972 to the memory of former Western high school student and Vietnam War Sgt. William Skivington, the olive tree named “The Freedom Tree” will be moved from its current site at the Department of Public Safety’s Parole and Probation Campos Building to its new home at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.
- WHO:** Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn, officials from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the Nevada Office of Veteran Services, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Boyd Gaming, Nevada Power and Nellis Air Force Base will honor William Skivington, Jr. and all POW/MIAs in the rededication of “The Freedom Tree.”
- WHEN:** Saturday, November 18, 2006~  
Between 6:00 am and 7:00am: “Freedom Tree” convoy from AA Campos Building at 215 East Bonanza to Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
2:30 pm: Rededication Ceremony
- WHERE:** 6:00 am “Freedom Tree” Convoy~215 East Bonanza Las Vegas to Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1900 Buchanan, Boulder City, Nevada  
2:30 pm~Rededication ceremony~Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1900 Buchanan, Boulder City, Nevada
- WHY:** To honor the memory of Sgt. William Skivington and all POW/MIAs. To also recognize the service of World War II veteran and father of Sgt. Skivington, Bill Skivington Sr. The olive tree is a symbol of the sacrifices the Skivington family of soldiers and all US soldiers has made for our country. Sgt. Skivington was listed as Missing in Action in 1968. His personal effects and remains have recently been recovered in Vietnam.
- VISUALS:** Media are encouraged to photograph the “Freedom Tree” convoy starting at 6am from the AA Campos Building at 215 East Bonanza in Las Vegas to the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1900 Buchanan in Boulder City, Nevada.
- Media are also invited to the rededication ceremony at 2:30pm at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1900 Buchanan, Boulder City, Nevada.

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